

**BOARD OF CODE ENFORCEMENT  
VONNEGUT CONFERENCE ROOM  
INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**

**JULY 23, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE:**

The following Board of Code Enforcement members were present:

Courtney Bennett, Interim Director  
Susan Blair

Kate Collins  
Anthony Bridgeman (arrived late)

The following staff members were present:

Kathryn Box	Assistant Corporation Counsel
Steve Wolff	Deputy Director, Inspections
Tonya Hilliard	Secretary to the Board of Code Enforcement

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Ms. Courtney Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m., and board members Ms. Susan Blair and Ms. Kate Collins were announced.

The following staff introductions were also made: Mr. Steve Wolff, Deputy Director, Ms. Kathryn Box, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and Ms. Tonya Hilliard, Board Secretary.

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**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

The Board of Code Enforcement approved the business meeting minutes of June 25, 2015. Motion made by Ms. Collins. Seconded by Ms. Blair. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**               NONE

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## **BUSINESS POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS:**

### **2015-C10-25                      Certification: High Weeds and Grass Liens**

Under Chapter 575 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County, the Department of Code Enforcement (“DCE”) is responsible for the inspection, abatement, and enforcement of environmental public nuisances. In the event that the property owner does not correct the violation or cannot be found, the City enlists a contractor to mow and/or clean that property. Section 575-7(a) of the Revised Code authorizes DCE to abate the violation and charge the costs related to abatement to the responsible property owner.

Section 575-7(b)(3) of the Revised Code provides that in the event these abatement costs are unpaid, the City shall place a lien upon the property.

Financial Information    There are a total of 1,558 mowing fees with a total amount owed of \$549,974.00. The liens reflect outstanding fees as of July 17, 2015.

Funding Source            N/A

Mr. David Hortemiller, Chief Financial Officer, appeared before the Board of Code Enforcement and stated that this was the first request for these lien certifications.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

MOTION: Ms. Blair moved to adopt Resolution 2015-C10-025. Seconded by Mr. Bridgeman. Motion carried.

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### **2011-C10-026                      Certification: Trash Liens**

Under Chapter 575 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County, the Department of Code Enforcement (“DCE”) is responsible for the inspection, abatement, and enforcement of environmental public nuisances. In the event that the property owner does not correct the violation or cannot be found, the City enlists a contractor to abate that property. Section 575-7(a) of the Revised Code authorizes DCE to abate the violation and charge the costs related to abatement to the responsible property owner.

Section 575-7(b)(3) of the Revised Code provides that in the event these abatement costs are unpaid, the City shall place a lien upon the property.

Financial Information    There are a total of 521 trash liens with a total amount owed of \$223,235.32. The liens reflect outstanding fees as of July 21, 2015.

Funding Source            N/A

Mr. Hortemiller stated that trash and illegal dumping was a new program that had been initiated by the Department of Code Enforcement.

The board members asked several questions such as how the costs were determined, and who would be responsible for a homeowner where illegal dumping had occurred.

Mr. Hortemiller stated that costs were defined by the disposal of items, the amount of time it took to remove articles, labor, and the space or area that is “cubic yards.” Mr. Wolff stated that a property owner would sign an affidavit stating that trash dumping had occurred illegally, and there would be no costs to the homeowner, and the City would count this as a loss.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

MOTION: Ms. Blair moved to adopt Resolutions 2015-C10-026. Seconded by Ms. Collins.  
Motion carried.

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**2015-C10-027****Extension of Resolution No. 2010-C0-031**

Pursuant to and in compliance with Section 141-201 of the Revised Code, on May 27, 2010, the Board of Code Enforcement adopted infrastructure fee regulations under Resolution No. 2010-C10-031 for a period of five years. Upon recent expiration, The Department of Code Enforcement requests re-adoption of the existing infrastructure fee schedule.

Financial Information Infrastructure fee amounts can be found in Attachment A.

Funding Source: N/A

Mr. Hortemiller stated that there was one change to this extension, the re-adoption of the existing fee schedule for one year.

The board members asked several questions.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

MOTION: Ms. Blair moved to adopt Resolution 2015-C10-027. Seconded by Ms. Collins.  
Motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Bennett thanked Mr. Manuel Mendez for his tenure of serving as a Director of the Department of Code Enforcement. Ms. Bennett and the board members then thanked and congratulated Ms. Hilliard on her retirement and her years of service with the City of Indianapolis.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was taken by consensus of the Board of Code Enforcement that the meeting adjourn at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Hilliard  
Board Secretary